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TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1887.

MR. BEECHER DEAD.

Henry Ward Beecher is dead. He was probably the most famous and widely known of the Americans of his day. The history of his life has already been given in the REPUBLIC. The story of his death will be found in our telegraphic columns.

THE MARKET HOUSE PROPOSITION.

It is important that all who favor the proposal to build a market house should materialize in full force at the polls on Saturday next, for it is by no means a foregone conclusion that the proposition will be carried by a two-thirds vote.

Certainly, we need just such market appliances and conveniences as would be furnished in the proposed market house. The expenditure of a hundred thousand dollars on the proposed building, the sum to be distributed among Springfield's sick and needy, would put this large sum in local circulation, and to that extent help the business of the city, and the city would save enough in rent for mayor's office, council room and room for the board of education, and in earnings for the use of the proposed city hall, to pay the interest on the bonds, and something toward the payment of the bonds themselves.

There is to be no especial or heavy burden imposed upon the taxpayers, and it is not easy to discover the motives of those who are personally exerting themselves to defeat a measure which promises so much in the direction of public convenience and toward the improvement of business interests.

Let the friends of the measure bestir themselves; let pains be taken to get all the votes possible for the new market house—for no movement will move itself.

NEXT SATURDAY'S ELECTION.

Our citizens are to have an opportunity to decide, next Saturday, as to the laws by which they are to be governed during the next few years. The present system is neither an untried evil nor an untried good. The mayor has an opportunity to make a good round sum annually, out of fees, but nobody asserts that he does not do this honestly and lawfully, or that this fact interferes with the administration of justice or adds to the burden of the taxpayer. The fees—whatever they be—come out of the pockets of law-breakers—not unfortunate people as some assert—but people who deliberately, and often repeatedly, disobey the laws.

What is proposed, in the application of the provisions of the police judge law, is that we shall have a police judge, a police prosecutor, and a police clerk—all salaried offices. It was intended that, with these officers, we should have an ornamental mayor with a small salary and with no fees, but it is the opinion of good lawyers, who have legislative experience also, that under the laws as they now stand we should have the mayor continuing as at present with salary and fees both, at the same time that the police court be in full force, with three new salaried officers, drawing their pay promptly at regular intervals.

It is quite true that the present council—or portion of its members—promise that they will not take salaries, but there will be some change in the council, as the result of the April election, and if the democrats should elect all four of the council, the police judge, prosecutor and clerk—who will hinder its members from putting up the salaries to a good, substantial figure for each officer? And it may be said, here, that persons fit for the several positions to be filled, must have a good knowledge of law and considerable general ability—that is to say, they must be persons of the sort that can command the respect of the community. Then their salaries are to come out of the pockets of the people, instead of out of the pockets of law-breakers. The fees collected are to be covered into the treasury—it is true—but how much they will aggregate is yet to be seen. The probability is that the expense to the people will, in any event, be greatly increased. Is it likely that the office of justice will be any more efficiently promoted? That is a question each citizen must answer for himself.

Then it seems likely—certainly possible—that the new law will be knocked out, the first round, by a supreme court decision.

Our citizens, seen to have abundant material—in the way of facts and suggestions—enable them to come to a conclusion as to how they ought to vote next Saturday.

But, it may be asked—What are we to do if the police court law is defeated? The remedy for the existing complications, arising from the conflict between a republican mayor and a democratic council as to the appointment of members of the police force and the department—are serious—and ought to be removed. This can be done, in the event that the police court law—which seems to be fully satisfactory to nobody—is defeated, by the procuring of the prompt passage of a law—which can be put through in a day or two, at longest—which shall provide for a non-partisan police and fire commission—composed of two republicans and two democrats—in cases where councils may decide to give the law local application and enforcement. This would provide against such conflicts between the executive and legislative powers of the city as now exist, and take partisan politics quite out of the police and fire department matters. Then the mayor could have a fair salary—such as would command the services of a good man; his fees could be turned over to the city—the police and fire commission would give us the best men in both departments, irrespective of their politics or qualities as partisan supporters, and all good, well-meaning and law-abiding citizens would be serene and happy.

Citizens of Springfield! If after all the light you have been able to get from various sources, you think the police court law is a better thing for this city than the system now in force, vote for it; but if you do not, have doubts as to its probable effects and its legality, vote against it. In any and all events, go to the polls and vote, one way or the other, like true patriots and good citizens!

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